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In re Application of)
Mitsuji Akazawa)
Serial No.: 08/226,875) Group: 1502
Filed: April 13, 1994)
Title: EXTERNAL ANTI-) Examiner: D. Phelan
INFLAMMATORY AND)
ANALGESIC PLASTER)
PREPARATION)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 3, 1994,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-4.

Please add claims 5-8 as follows:

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1. An external anti-inflammatory and analgesic plaster preparation comprising a salt of diclofenac, 2[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino]benzene-acetic acid and a cyclic organic base as an active ingredient, said cyclic organic base comprising hydroxyethylpyrrolidine or hydroxyethylpiperidine, a pH adjuster and optionally, pharmaceutically acceptable thickening agents, humectants, fillers, preservatives and cross-linking agents, wherein a pH value of said preparation is adjusted to a range of 7.3 to 9.0.

2. The external plaster preparation of claim 1 wherein the pH value of the preparation is within a range of 7.5 to 8.5.

3. A process for producing an external anti-inflammatory and analgesic plaster preparation, comprising subjecting a composition comprising a salt of diclofenac,